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AGENDA

- Current activities
- Corps leadership
- Developing a long-term strategy
- Conclusion

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CURRENT ACTIVITIES

- **FY01 Corps Appropriation ($4.2M)**
  - 2 grants awarded & contracts underway
  - 6 projects ready to execute February 2002
- **FY02 Corps Appropriation ($6.7M)**
  - 1 grant & 10 projects approved by executive committee Dec 2001
  - Seeking non-federal sponsors & matching funds
- **FY02 EPA Appropriation ($10.0M)**
  - $8.0M granted to ACJ METRO project
  - $2.0M granted to Non-ACJ OLP projects
- **Aggressively Seeking Non-Federal Sponsors**
  - Met with Pyramid Corporation, Metropolitan Development Agency, Lakefront Development Corporation, City of Syracuse and others

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CORPS LEADERSHIP

- **Good Results Under Current Conditions**
  - Excellent partner agency relationships
  - Outreach good and expanding in scope
  - Project execution good and improving
- **Limited Opportunities for Corps Involvement**
  - Amended Consent Judgment (ACJ)
  - Lake Bottom National Priority List (NPL) site & subsites
- **OLP Program Challenges**
  - Quantifying ACJ impacts on lake water quality
  - Groundwater salinity - critical emerging issue
  - Industrial pollutants - CERCLA process limits opportunities for OLP to improve/accelerate remediation
  - Coordinated planning, non-federal sponsors, and Corps authorities

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DEVELOPING A LONG-TERM STRATEGY

- **Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan**
  - Integrate OLP Program Components
- **WRDA 2002 Considerations**

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- **Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan**
  - Three Options

    1) Feasibility Plan ($1,500,000 - 100% Federally Funded)

    New Legislation Required, 48 Months To Complete

    2) Reconnaissance Plan ($100,000 - 100% Federally Funded)

    Sect. 905b WRDA 1986, 18 Months To Complete

    3. Modified Reconnaissance Plan ($500,000 - 100% Federally Funded)

    Sect. 905b WRDA 1986, 36 Months To Complete

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- **Option 1: Feasibility Plan ($1,500,000 / 48 Months)**
  - Advantages
    -- In depth identification and analysis of issues
    -- One time authorization & appropriation
    -- Timeframe allows for program adjustments due to actual impacts of ACJ, NPL, and groundwater issues
  - Disadvantages
    -- Authorization required by WRDA 2002, appropriations bill, or congressional resolution
    -- Requires new GI appropriation

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- **Option 2: Reconnaissance Plan ($100,000 / 18 Months)**
  - Advantages

  -- Authorization exists under Sec. 905b, WRDA 1986

  -- Non-federal sponsor not required during recon phase
  - Disadvantages

  -- Limited duration and funding

  -- Very limited identification and analysis of issues

  -- Requires non-federal sponsor during feasibility phase

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- **Option 3: Modified Recon Plan ($500,000 / 36 Months)**
  - Advantages

  -- Authorization exists under Sec. 905b, WRDA 1986

  -- Provides acceptable level of detail in analysis of issues

  -- Non-federal sponsor not required during recon phase
  - Disadvantages

  -- Legislation required to allow modified reconnaissance plan (longer duration & increased cost)

  -- Requires non-federal sponsor during feasibility phase

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- **WRDA 2002 Considerations**
  - Amend Sec. 219, WRDA 92
    -- Include Onondaga County as eligible geographic location for environmental infrastructure authorization
  - Additional legislation: Authorize non-profit agencies as non-federal sponsors
    -- Reference Section 210, WRDA-2000
  - Draft WRDA-2002 includes authorization for urban river restoration proposals and watershed reconnaissance proposals at 100% federal funding

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CONCLUSIONS

- OLP is at crossroads to put strategic planning ahead of project solicitation and selection
- Seek Congressional intent & direction
- Corps can prepare a Congressional Decision Brief